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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Device for Locking a Filler Neck Compartment Cover and  
Method of Mounting the Locking Device

**SECOND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT**

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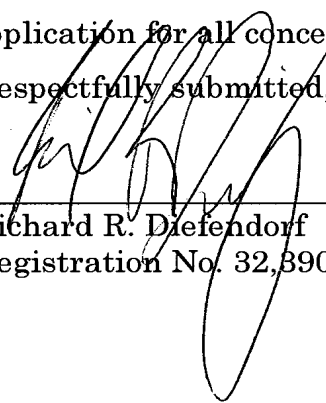
Sir:

A "corrected" filing receipt, dated May 16, 2007, was received in connection with this application. The 371(c) date identified on this filing receipt is still incorrect, however; pursuant to the decision on petition dated January 9, 2007 (copy attached), this 371(c) date should properly read -02/06/2006— as shown in red on the attached filing receipt copy. Please forward a further corrected filing receipt to the undersigned attorney.

If there are any questions regarding this second request or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

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CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT



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**Assignment For Published Patent Application**

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**Power of Attorney:** The patent practitioners associated with Customer Number **23911**.**Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant**

This application is a 371 of PCT/EP03/11297 10/13/2003

**Foreign Applications****If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted:** 11/06/2006

**The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is** **US10/533,780**

**Projected Publication Date:** Not Applicable**Non-Publication Request:** No**Early Publication Request:** No

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**Title**

Device for locking a filler neck compartment cover and method of mounting the locking device

**Preliminary Class**

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Docket No.: 095309.56273US :  
For: DEVICE FOR LOCKING A TANK AND :  
METHOD FOR MOUNTING A LOCKING :  
DEVICE :

DECISION ON  
PETITION  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This decision is in response to "Request For Corrected Filing Receipt," filed in the above-captioned application on 25 October 2006.

**BACKGROUND**

On 13 October 2003, applicants filed international application no. PCT/EP2003/11297, claiming a priority date of 21 May 2004. A copy of the international application was transmitted to the Office by the International Bureau on 21 May 2004. The thirty month deadline for payment of the basic national fee in the United States was midnight, 05 May 2005.

On 04 May 2005, applicants submitted a transmittal letter for entry into that national phase in the United States accompanied by the basic national fee.

On 06 December 2005, the Office mailed Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required.

Applicants filed a declaration of the inventor. It was accorded a receipt date of 26 February 2006.

On 12 June 2006, the Office mailed a Notice of Acceptance, indicating that the application had a 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date of 26 February 2006 and a 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements completion date of 13 April 2006.

On 25 October 2006, applicants submitted this petition under 37 CFR 1.181, accompanied by a copy of a declaration, a postcard receipt for the declaration stamped "06 February 2006" and request for a corrected filing receipt.

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Due Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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**DISCUSSION**

Applicants have provided a postcard receipt date-stamped by the Office and listing the declaration. The copy of the declaration is accepted as having been received on 06 February 2006, rather than 26 February 2006, with which it was stamped.

Further, the Notification of Acceptance does not list the priority claim information, which resulted in an incorrect listing of the "date of completion of all 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements". That date should be 06 February 2006, as should the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons discussed above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181 for a corrected filing receipt is **GRANTED**.

The Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 12 June 2006 is **VACATED**.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage processing division of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing consistent with this decision. The application has a 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of 06 February 2006.



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